

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Merry Ruggirello called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Members Gary Tomlinson, Donna Duquette, Janet Towse, Marla Wells, Selectmen's Representative Chet Caron and Alternate Melanie Marzola. A quorum was present.

Alternate Melanie Marzola was asked to sit in for Member Harold Platts.

Minutes

June 21, 2017

Gary made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Marla seconded. Roll call vote: Gary-abstain, Donna-abstain, Chet-yes, Melanie-yes, Merry-yes, Janet-yes and Marla-abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

Choose Your Future Presentation – Boyd Smith (NLRA)

Boyd Smith had a slide show presentation regarding land use planning and management as part of the watershed. The mission of the Newfound Lakes Region Association (NLRA) is to protect the watershed in the highest sense. Boyd mentioned that we have some of the healthiest forests around and healthy forests mean clean water. Steve Whitman and Dan Sandquist also presented as well. The Strategic Conservation Plan can be found on the NLRA website. The NLRA Conservation Plan Objective is to protect natural resource features that maintain and enhance water quality in Newfound Lake and its tributaries. Dan discussed the natural resources and the areas of interest in the watershed. Steve discussed the various tools that the Planning Board could use to ensure proper planning for the Town, which will also benefit the watershed. Zoning would be a useful tool for the Town. Steve mentioned that Groton is a good zoning model town to watch in the future as they are developing a zoning regulation. Two other tools are: Conservation Subdivision and Flexible Lot Sizing. "Flexible lot sizing" policies allow for individual lots located within a development to be smaller than typically permitted, provided the average of all lots does not exceed the maximum allowed density. Dan mentioned that in Sutton they have a small and large subdivision regulation. The small subdivision is for the Mom and Pop subdivisions that are for the children and such and have an expedited process. The large subdivision is for five lots or larger and these subdivisions are scrutinized at a more detailed level. Boyd added that Steve is developing a good basic set of land use regulations that can be used by towns.

Gravel Pit Inspections

It was mentioned that the Mary Pinkham-Langar will be at Town Hall at 9:30 on Friday, July 28th to meet with Board members prior to the gravel pit inspections. An inspection order was developed and the Clerk stated that she would send letters to each gravel pit owner to indicate the inspection date and approximate time. Merry, Janet, Ed, Chet and Marla indicated they would be attending the inspections.

ADJOURNMENT

Chet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm; Donna seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk